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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 21, 2002, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents which were cited in the Supplementary European Search Report mailed on January 2, 2004 with respect to European Patent Application No. EP 00 94 9844, which is a family member of the above-referenced application:

(1) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 518 706 A, which was published on December 16, 1992; and

(2) U.S. Patent No. 5,543,494 to PEREGO et al., which issued on August 6, 1996.

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The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Patent Examiner applying European rules to the European claims are set forth in the Supplementary European Search Report.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials.

Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form, which is also attached hereto, together with a copy of the above-mentioned Supplementary European Search Report. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants to confirm consideration of these documents as soon as possible. (The issue fee is due on March 22, 2004).

Also enclosed is a check covering the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any other fees which may be deemed necessary for the consideration of the submitted materials.

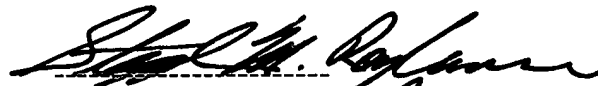
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any

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Should the Examiner have any further questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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